

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 930

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Zapata County Independent School District on the 60th anniversary of its accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, Until 60 years ago, the children of Zapata County had few opportunities for higher education; high school students who endeavored to attend universities were forced to leave their hometown during the school year to live with extended family members in accredited districts or to attend boarding schools; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1954, the district held a community meeting, and residents voiced their desire for a fully accredited district; school officials prioritized public concerns, and after a three-year phase-in guided by the Texas Education Agency, the Zapata County Independent School District became fully accredited for the 1956-1957 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, The accreditation of the district broke boundaries and expanded educational opportunities that were previously limited to a privileged few; in the decades that have followed, the district has promoted an inclusive culture, improved curricula, and created programs that have helped innumerable students to build strong foundations for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 12, 2017, members of the community gathered at Zapata High School to honor alumni and those who helped shape a more bright and prosperous future for the young residents of Zapata County by making the district's accreditation possible; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the teachers, staff, and administrators of the Zapata County Independent School District on their exemplary service to the young people of Zapata County and extend to all best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the district as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate